



Troop *of the* Week

Name:

Lance Cpl. Delbert Swan

Job Title:

Sentry

Unit:2nd Provisional Security
Company**Hometown:**

Elkland, PA

Favorite Water:

Oasis or Emerates

Favorite Food:

Chicken Parmesan

Recent AccomplishmentTaking somali language
classes on Camp Lemonier

Delbert Swan, a reservist out of Syracuse, N.Y., joined the Marine Corps reserves on Jan. 28, 2002 out of high school as a tank mechanic. He wanted to find a sense of self accomplishment and make his family proud.

Swan credits his military career with teaching him patience.

"Hurry up and wait," he said. "You learn that patience is part of flexibility."

That flexibility has been important in his career, he says, as he juggled living the reserve life while working a full time job and finding time for his family.

When he returns home, Swan hopes to transfer units and change jobs to become a military photographer. He also looks forward to seeing his family again, including the newest member, a son due May 25.